



## **KSC Countdown**

### **Tuesday, September 21, 1999**

**Message from Roy Bridges:** The entire KSC team did a superb job of planning our hurricane protection measures and then executing those plans in approximately one day. I was proud to be a part of the team. The following messages from the Associate Administrator for the Office of Space Flight Joe Rothenberg and NASA Administrator Dan Goldin show how pleased they were with our team's performance:

**Rothenberg:** "I wish to congratulate the KSC Team for a professional and orderly response to preparing for and responding to Hurricane Floyd. I realize the team carried out many of these activities at the same they were trying to ensure the safety of their families friends and property. The outstanding planning and execution of the equipment protection, personnel evacuation and storm rideout by the KSC Team truly deserves recognition for a job well done under extremely difficult circumstances."

**Goldin:** I want to recognize the dedication, commitment and heroism of the NASA team. Over the past few days, they have validated again that our greatest national treasures are our employees. I salute the NASA employees for their preparedness and responsiveness during the threat of Hurricane Floyd. My deepest appreciation goes to the 105 volunteers at KSC who rode out the storm."

Thanks again to each of you for your good work and prayers that kept our people, space hardware and facilities safe from harm.

**Shuttle Update:** Shuttle managers have targeted a launch date no earlier than Nov. 19 for the next Space Shuttle launch. Which mission will be launched – Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (STS-99) or Hubble Space Telescope Servicing (STS-103) – has not been determined. Meanwhile, repairs of electrical wiring are continuing on Endeavour and Discovery.

**1999 Days of Caring Postponed:** The 1999 Days of Caring has been postponed due to Hurricane Floyd. The new dates will be Oct. 22 and 23. More information will be made available

in the coming weeks.

**Alaska Launch Facility Topic of Space Club Luncheon** -- Ernie Briel, chairman of the company that is constructing the Kodiak Launch Complex in Alaska , will be the guest speaker for this month's National Space Club, Florida Committee, luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the DoubleTree Oceanfront Hotel in Cocoa Beach. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Reservations can be placed with Judy Casper at 459-1067. Individual tickets are \$15, with corporate tables of eight available for \$125 each.

**Did You Know? KSC's 1999 Combined Federal Campaign** is almost upon us, Oct. 1 through Oct. 31. The theme this year is "Those Who Care, Share." The goal for 1999 is \$216,000, an increase over last year's goal. Look for more about the CFC campaign in upcoming issues of *Countdown* and *Spaceport News*.